

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 2 of the Foreign Agents
Registration Act of 1938, as Amended

JAN 19 1978

For Six Month Period Ending _____
(Insert date)

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Name of Registrant Registration No. 1648
SONTHEIMER AND COMPANY, INC., also d/b/a St. Maartens Tourist Information
Office, also d/b/a Ghana Tourist Office
Business Address of Registrant

I - REGISTRANT

1. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following:

(a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

(b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

2. Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Item 1.

Not applicable.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, and 5.

3. Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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4. Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. Has any person named in Item 4 rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, identify each such person and describe his services.

6. Have any employees or individuals other than officials, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or connection	Date terminated
Charlotte F. Blum	Account Executive	October 31, 1977
Jerome K. Full	" "	November 15, 1977
Louis A. Harrison	" "	August 26, 1977
Mary Lynn Miller	" "	October 31, 1977
Rose F. McArdle	" "	October 31, 1977
Joy Seligsohn	" "	October 31, 1977

7. During this 6 month reporting period, have any persons been hired as employees or in any other capacity by the registrant who rendered services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Position or connection	Date connection began
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II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

8. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name of foreign principal

Date of Termination

Jamaica Tourist Board

October 31, 1977

9. Have you acquired any new foreign principal¹ during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish following information:

Name and address of foreign principal

Date acquired

10. In addition to those named in Items 8 and 9, if any, list the foreign principals¹ whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

**Jamaica Tourist Board
Netherlands Antilles Government
Government of the Island Territory, the Winward Islands
Ghana Tourist Control Board**

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9, and 10 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Registrant is engaged as public relations counsel in the United States for the purpose of promoting tourism in the Islands of St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba.

Registrant is engaged as public relations counsel in the United States, Canada and Jamaica in connection with the encouragement of tourism on the Island of Jamaica.

Registrant is engaged as public relations counsel in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean for the purpose of promoting tourism in Ghana.

See SCHEDULE II

¹The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual or organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a)(9)).

A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those foreign principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity² as defined below?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits any or all of your foreign principals?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

² The term "political activities" means the dissemination of political propaganda and any other activity which the person engaging therein believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert, induce, persuade, or in any other way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.³

<i>Date</i>	<i>From Whom</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mthly during period	Jamaica Tourist Board	Pay. under contract	\$218,914.55
		Reimb. of expenses	38,191.84
Mthly during period	Netherlands Ant. Gov.	Pay. under contract	32,951.38
		Reimb. of expenses	789.72
Mthly during period	Gov. of Island Terr. Windward Islands	Pay. under contract	14,741.28
Mthly during period	Ghana Tourist Board	Pay. under contract	21,613.21

Total \$327,201.98

14. (b) RECEIPTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁴ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Name of foreign principal</i>	<i>Date received</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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³ A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, money, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fund raising campaign. See Rule 201(e).

⁴ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS - MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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See SCHEDULE I

Total

15. (b) DISBURSEMENTS - THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value⁵ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in items 8, 9 and 10 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date disposed</i>	<i>Name of person to whom given</i>	<i>On behalf of what foreign principal</i>	<i>Description of thing of value</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS - POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value⁵ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount or thing of value</i>	<i>Name of political organization</i>	<i>Name of candidate</i>
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V - POLITICAL PROPAGANDA

(Section 1(j) of the Act defines "political propaganda" as including any oral, visual, graphic, written, pictorial, or other communication or expression by any person (1) which is reasonably adapted to, or which the person disseminating the same believes will, or which he intends to, prevail upon, indoctrinate, convert induce, or in any other way influence a recipient or any section of the public within the United States with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party or with reference to the foreign policies of the United States or promote in the United States racial, religious, or social dissensions, or (2) which advocates, advises, instigates, or promotes any racial, social, political, or religious disorder, civil riot, or other conflict involving the use of force or violence in any other American republic or the overthrow of any government or political subdivision of any other American republic by any means involving the use of force or violence.)

16. During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any political propaganda as defined above? Yes ☐ No ☒

IF YES, RESPOND TO THE REMAINING ITEMS IN THIS SECTION V.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

⁵ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating political propaganda?
Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of political propaganda include the use of any of the following: **Not applicable**

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts ☐ Magazine or newspaper articles ☐ Motion picture films ☐ Letters or telegrams
☐ Advertising campaigns ☐ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☐ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated political propaganda among any of the following groups: **Not applicable**

☐ Public Officials ☐ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☐ Legislators ☐ Editors ☐ Educational institutions
☐ Government agencies ☐ Civic groups or associations ☐ Nationality groups
☐ Other (Specify) _____

21. What language was used in this political propaganda: **Not applicable**

☐ English ☐ Other (specify) _____

22. Did you file with the Registration Section, Department of Justice, two copies of each item of political propaganda material disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

23. Did you label each item of such political propaganda material with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act? Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

24. Did you file with the Registration Section, Department of Justice, a Dissemination Report for each item of such political propaganda material as required by Rule 401 under the Act?

Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

VI - EXHIBITS AND ATTACHMENTS

25. EXHIBITS A AND B

- (a) Have you filed for each of the newly acquired foreign principals in Item 9 the following:

Exhibit A⁶ Yes ☐ No ☐

Exhibit B⁷ Yes ☐ No ☐

Not applicable

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (a) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

⁶ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form OBD-67 (Formerly DJ-306) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁷ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form OBD-65 (Formerly DJ-304) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

26. EXHIBIT C

If you have previously filed an Exhibit C⁸, state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6-month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

27. SHORT FORM REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Have short form registration statements, been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5 and 7 of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☐ No ☐ **Not applicable**

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

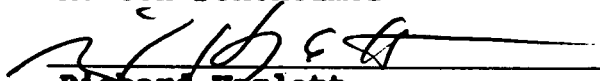
The undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) that he has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to the truth or accuracy of the information contained in attached Short Form Registration Statement, if any, insofar as such information is not within his (their) his (their) personal knowledge.

(Both copies of this statement shall be signed and sworn to before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths by the agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions who are in the United States, if the registrant is an organization.)

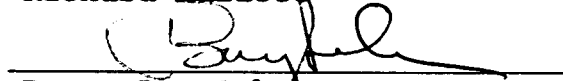
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Morton Sontheimer



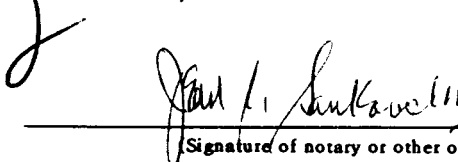
Richard Hazlett



Barry Lee Cohen

Subscribed and sworn to before me at New York, N.Y.

this 27 day of Feby, 19 78



(Signature of notary or other official)
JEAN R. BANKOWSKY
Commissioner of Health City of N. Y.
N. Y. County Clk's #4-496
Commission Expires May 1, 1978

⁸ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, constitution, and bylaws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause shown upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Internal Security Section, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

EXPENDITURES FOR JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD

July 20, 1977 - January 19, 1978

Travel Fare and Expenses

Sept. - Oct.	American Society of Travel Agents	\$ 343.00
Aug. - Oct.	Charge & Ride, Inc.	155.50
Aug.	M. Gurun	82.84
July - Oct.	House of Travel	965.00
	Expense Reports	
Aug. - Oct.	C. Blum	246.76
Oct.	R. Cawthorne	301.34
July - Jan.	E. Gillies	1,206.19
Aug.	R. Grode	109.05
Aug. - Sept.	L. Harrison	517.14
Aug. - Sept.	M. Sontheimer	382.32

Photography

Aug. - Sept.	Arrow Photo Service	131.22
Aug. - Nov.	Dugal Color Projects	300.64
Aug.	Jaydee Camera Exchange	116.21
Aug. - Nov.	Modernage	581.01
July	News Events Photo Service	6.91
Aug.	Visual Public Relations Ltd.	5,000.00
Aug. - Nov.	Wagner International Photos	966.49

Communications

Aug. - Dec.	ITT Cables	897.75
Aug. - Dec.	Manhattan Messenger Service	285.00
Aug. - Jan.	New York Telephone	3,424.85
Aug. - Dec.	Postage	1,468.72

Office Supplies and Subscriptions

Aug. - Sept.	Addressograph	16.00
Aug.	Ambassador Printing	51.84
Aug. - Oct.	Grolan Stationers	225.07
Aug.	New York Publicity Outlets	40.30
Aug. - Oct.	Petty Cash	87.13
Nov.	Three M Business Products	42.89
Aug. - Dec.	Xerox Copies	933.30

Outside Services

Aug. - Oct.	Banque Marketing Inc.	1,135.50
Aug. - Dec.	Burrelle's Press Clipping	1,335.85
Oct. - Jan.	C. I. Burton	1,034.00
Aug. - Dec.	CRDL	191.01
July - Nov.	A.O. Fisher	3,559.63
Sept. - Nov.	M.H. Kaplan Associates	438.38
Aug. - Dec.	Luce Press Clipping	972.93
Aug. - Sept.	Mutual Press Clipping Service	56.50
Aug. - Nov.	M. Wolkoff Associates	156.60

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Business Meetings and Representation
Expense Reports

Sept.	J. Full	\$	8.00
Aug. - Dec.	E. Gillies		277.64
Sept.	R. Grode		26.73
Aug. - Dec.	M. Sontheimer		<u>336.46</u>
TOTAL			\$28,413.70

EXPENDITURES FOR NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

July 20, 1977 - January 19, 1978

Travel Fare and Expenses

Oct.	American Society of Travel Agents	\$ 81.50
Dec. - Jan.	Charge and Ride	40.00
Aug.	KLM Airlines	90.00
Oct.	House of Travel	453.92
Sept. - Dec.	Pasanggrahan Hotel	84.40
	Expense Reports	
Jan.	R. Hazlett	278.20
Nov.	J. Myers	441.98
Sept.	J. Seligsohn	30.20
Aug. - Nov.	M. Sontheimer	339.78

Photography

Jan.	Modernage	13.34
Sept.	A. Tannebaum	190.84
Jan.	Wagner International	268.92

Communications and Freight

Jan.	Airport Clearance Service	41.00
Aug. - Dec.	Bowling Green Storage & Van Co.	58.32
Oct.	Canadian Travel Courier	12.00
July	Choice Air Courier Service	29.50
Aug. - Jan.	ITT Cables	237.15
Sept. - Jan.	Manhattan Messenger Service	84.60
Oct.	Media Distribution Services	545.91
Oct. - Jan.	M&W Messenger Service	42.83
Aug. - Jan.	N.Y. Telephone	347.97
Aug. - Jan.	Postage	2,700.08

Office Expense and Subscriptions

Sept.	Addressograph	7.81
Nov.	Ambassador Printing Co.	232.47
Aug. - Dec.	Gestetner	323.76
Aug. - Jan.	Grolan Stationers	299.49
Aug. - Jan.	Petty Cash	24.80
Jan.	Travel Trade	2.50
Dec.	Vividize	42.55
Aug. - Jan.	Xerox Copies	528.90

Outside Services

Aug.	Payson People	335.00
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Business Meetings and Representation

July	American Women in Radio & TV	50.00
	Expense Reports	
Aug. - Jan.	R. Hazlett	171.36
Aug.	J. Seligsohn	24.03
Aug. - Jan.	M. Sontheimer	<u>145.38</u>
	TOTAL	\$8,600.49

EXPENDITURES FOR GHANA TOURIST BOARD
July 20, 1977-January 19, 1978

<u>TRAVEL FARE AND EXPENSES</u>		
Aug.-Sept.	ASTA	\$ 465.00
Oct.	Congress General Secretary	297.00
Aug.	Hotel Residencia Florida	60.00
Oct.	House of Travel	151.30
	Expense Reports	
Sept.	J. Full	142.27
Jan.	E. Gillies	12.41
Oct.-Nov.	M. Sontheimer	348.91
 <u>PHOTOGRAPHY</u>		
Sept.-Oct.	Modernage	28.52
Nov.	Slide Shop	103.68
Aug.-Oct.	Wagner International Photo	128.04
Sept., Nov.	J. Ward Color Service	18.36
 <u>COMMUNICATIONS AND FREIGHT</u>		
Aug.-Jan.	ITT Cables	151.57
Jan.	Manhattan Messenger	5.25
Aug.-Jan.	New York Telephone	78.13
Aug.-Jan.	Postage	597.61
Aug.-Nov.	PR Aids	1,248.48
 <u>OFFICE EXPENSE AND SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>		
Sept., Dec.	Addressograph	12.09
Dec.	Gale Research	64.24
Aug.-Jan.	Petty Cash	36.25
Nov.	University of Illinois Press	10.00
Aug.	World Travel Digest	9.00
Aug.-Jan.	Xerox Copies	344.10
 <u>OUTSIDE SERVICES</u>		
Oct.	Atlantic Blueprint	16.20
Aug.-Jan.	Burrelle's Press Clipping Service	790.65
Aug.-Dec.	C.A. Davis Associates	2,112.31
Aug.-Jan.	Luce Press Clipping Service	817.77
 <u>BUSINESS MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION</u>		
Jan.	College Board Admission List	9.25
	Expense Reports	
Aug.-Nov.	J. Full	75.99
Sept.-Jan.	M. Sontheimer	122.11
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TOTAL		\$ 8,256.49

SCHEDULE I

JULY 19, 1977 - JANUARY 19, 1978

ON BEHALF OF THE GHANA TOURIST BOARD

Registrant supplied editorial and photographic material to newspapers and travel industry publications including: LOS ANGELES TIMES, TRAVEL & ART MAGAZINE, SEPIA MAGAZINE, WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, BUSINESS AND ENERGY INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPER, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, BLACK ENTERPRISE MAGAZINE, ENCORE MAGAZINE, TRAVEL AGENT MAGAZINE, HARPER'S and ATLANTIC MAGAZINE.

Registrant arranged for trip to Ghana for writer and editor from the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS and PHILADELPHIA MAGAZINE.

Registrant issued press releases about racial situation in Ghana, Ghanaian youths seeking American pen pals, shopping for Ghanaian art, a new hotel project in Ghana, Thanksgiving celebration and the naming of a new chairman of the Ghana Tourist Board.

Registrant supplied promotional material to travel wholesalers, agents and airlines including: KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Pan American World Airways, Inc., IAA Travel, San Diego, Burwash International Ltd., Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C. and Scantravel West Africa.

July 20, 1977 - October 31, 1977

On behalf of the Jamaica Tourist Board:

Registrant was responsible for publication in the following newspapers, magazines and specialized publications, both through research assistance to writers and by direct submission of editorial and photographic material: Associated Press; United Press International.

Among magazines: travel industry trade publications; McCall's; Dawn Magazine, Southern Living; Grit; Tennis Magazine; Modern Bride; Esquire; Skin Diver Magazine; Redbook Magazine. Among newspapers: Atlanta Journal-Constitution; Houston Chronicle; Hartford Courant; Chicago Tribune; Denver Post; Baltimore News-American; Boston Herald-American; Staten Island Advance; New York News; Cincinnati Inquirer; St. Louis Post-Dispatch; New York Post; San Francisco Chronicle.

Registrant supplied scripts, prizes and aid and arranged interviews for radio and television stations in the United States and Canada. Among these programs were: WEZE-Boston; Teleprompter Cable TV, New York; WTTG-TV, Washington, D.C. WCBV-TV, Boston.

Schedule II

July 19, 1977 - January 19, 1978

On behalf of the Netherlands Antilles Windward Islands

Registrant supplied editorial and photographic material to magazine, newspapers and travel industry publications including NEW YORK TIMES, NEW YORK POST, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, GOOD HOUSEKEEPING, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER and HARTFORD COURANT. Material on the Windwards was up-dated and sent to travel guides including ASTA TRAVEL NEWS, TRAVEL WEEKLY, TRAVEL AGENT, TRAVEL TRADE and ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY MANAGER.

Registrant arranged for trips to the islands for newspaper people, editors and photographers and arranged for articles in newspapers and magazines including HOUSTON POST, MIAMI NEWS, LOS ANGELES TIMES, DIVERSION MAGAZINE and NEW YORK VOICE.

Registrant arranged for radio interviews on WBAI and WORC and supplied film for AMERICAN CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK.

Registrant issued press releases concerning hotel managers, wholesalers, hotel association, restored forts, bus trips and small inns.

Registrant supplied promotional material and travel statistics to travel agencies and group business sources and airlines including ALM, EASTERN AIRLINES and KLM.

SCHEDULE II

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JAMAICA

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IF YOU CAN (CAN'T) SWIM IN

JAMAICA, YOU CAN SNORKEL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By Lou Harrison

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NEGRIL BEACH VILLAGE, Jamaica: In Jamaica they say, if you can swim you can snorkel, and if you can't swim ... you can still snorkel -- it's that easy in the warm, clear, picturesque waters. They also say it's the best snorkeling anywhere.

But for paddling head down through the waters with fins, or mask and breathing pipe, there are lots of colorful reefs abounding in multi-hued fish and almost every beach hotel has snorkeling gear for hire.

Negril is Jamaica's relaxed, natural -- or "au naturel" -- resort. At Negril Beach Village they play by the book in terms of snorkeling equipment. That is, everyone wears mask, snorkel and fins, but after that you're on your own. House rules say swim wear is optional. Negril snorkelers sometimes get quite an eyeful underwater. And when they pop their heads above the surface they see a craggy shoreline of little grottos and lagoons decorated with naked

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or nearly naked sunbathers.

Negril's reefs are many and varied with deep and shallow dive sites very close to shore. A green island with the ambiguous name of Booby Cay (the name is far older than the hotel) rests amidst some of Negril's best sites. A sand spit trails off Booby Cay marking a shallow passage toward the shore. Negril snorkelers spend a relaxed morning scouring the reefs and the conch beds off Booby Cay and then converge on the island for Negril Beach Village's rum punch picnic. After a few special-recipe Calico Jack punches it's best to take the taxi boat back to shore.

In Montego Bay Joe Lascelles beams daily from the beach of the Bay Roc Hotel. His sunfish named WELCOME TO JAMAICA carries two snorkelers at a time out to Bay Roc Reef. Within a 30-yard radius of this long reef are formations that drop from six to 60 feet.

Along the Bay Roc reef great cathedral-like shelves of coral rival the best of Gothic art. A peaceable ray glides effortlessly past, like a creature in a dream. Black, prickly sea urchins look like pin cushions at six feet but are little more than specks at depths of 50 or 60

feet. The fish are innumerable and of every color in the rainbow.

In Ocho Rios, 60 miles along the north coast from Montego Bay, Mike Drakulich operates the Jamaica Hilton's watersports. He'll take you over a specially marked diver's trail that provides some of the best diving on the island. The magnificent waterfalls of Ocho Rios, including Dunn's River Falls, are visible from the trail. So is Ocho Rios Bay with its gleaming beachfront hotels and sparkling cruise liners.

Closer to the Hilton is a fine shallow water training site for less adventurous snorkelers. This small reef, just down the beach from the hotel, is a fish spotters' paradise -- some of the loveliest and most exotic of Jamaica's fish are common here.

In Port Antonio, most eastern of the north coast resorts, local superstition once held that the tropical Blue Lagoon was bottomless. The bottom has been found, but it is much too deep for snorkelers to see. At the mouth of the Blue Lagoon the clear Caribbean waters cover a wonderful world of deep and shallow reefs stretching half a mile to

San San Island where the Aga Khan once sported with Errol Flynn and friends.

The most intrepid snorkelers report an uneasy, eerie sensation as they pass over the "bottomless" Blue Lagoon. The green opaque depths of the narrow, jungle-fringed lagoon give way to steep and murky sides where frenzied roots of waterborne Spanish elms cling to the muddy bed.

But Blue Lagoon provides a rare apres-snorkel delight -- organic delicacies prepared by the Blue Lagoon Club's proprietors, Horatio and Giavana Spencer.

Dominoes and backgammon are always in progress at the Club, which is a hangout for weekending Kingston professionals and intellectuals.

It's a friendly place. A visitor is expected to poke his snorkel into anyone's conversation. But he has to conquer the Blue Lagoon first.

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JAMAICA'S SUNSET CRUISE

A PATROL IN PIRATE WATERS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

By Lou Harrison

NEGRIL, Jamaica: The full-masted sailing ship at anchor in the long bay seems altogether appropriate. Wasn't this the infamous pirate lair of Calico Jack Rackham and that ferocious female, Anne Bonney, where planters and pirates clashed in bloody encounter two centuries ago?

Even from the shore the tightest rein on the imagination cannot prevent the ship's appearing fragile and ghostlike. But it's no ghost. It's a very solid antique called (what else?) Calico Jack and it takes sunset cruises along the west coast of Jamaica.

Passengers gather on the concrete dock of the Negril Beach Village Hotel several afternoons a week. in bathing suits and cut-offs they board a motor skiff that putt-putts over the glassy bay. On a tropical day, the sky is laced with sparse white clouds, perfect sailing weather. The venerable black hull and iron masts achieve powerful stature as the skiff draws near.

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Usually "Calico" makes north for Lucea Harbour where it sails under the cannons of Fort Charlotte. Today the winds blow from a different quarter so we head for South Point and the Negril lighthouse. The green, gold and black flag of Jamaica flutters in the breeze as Calico Jack negotiates the reef under engine power and enters open sea. The water deepens to azure.

Like the pirates, Calico's crew is international. Skipper Bill Papayanidis once sailed the Aegean Sea for the Greek Navy. Now he is all energy and enthusiasm hoisting the sails and giving his expert touch to the fine art of tall-ship sailing. His partner, Paul McDowell, is a level-headed Canadian businessman who is "learning sailing." Today, McDowell is an incongruous stand-in for the regular hostess, a former Playboy bunny.

The first mate is Robinson, a Jamaican late into a spry and muscular middle age. Robinson learned sailing when clippers plied the Caribbean trade routes. He's at the wheel when it goes under sail. Vibration ceases as the engine is cut, and the big hull begins to rock slowly and majestically. Old timbers creak and murmur. The wind fills the canvas. Robinson's grip tightens as he fights the drift and current.

Negril's face is still the seven-mile smile of white crescent sand that pirates knew. Along the incom-

parable beach the skyline of coconut palms is unbroken by hotels: nothing may be built taller than the palms. In the distance green coastal hills press close together.

The long beach ends at dramatic coral cliffs that thrust a hundred feet into the air. Under the cliffs are dark entrances to underwater caves that hold rare exotic delights for divers. Ahead, the lighthouse is like a white needle stuck into a precipice.

The shadow of the billowing sails spreads over the deck and the sunbathers and shade-seekers exchange locations. Some lounge in director's chairs, chatting and sipping rum punch. Below deck, in the galley, some who are not sea creatures at heart have found the source of the punch. The afternoon is climaxed by a brilliant sunset over the water.

Calico Jack has a tale to be told. Born a proud member of the Royal Dutch fleet, it was purchased by the British before World War Two. The Germans captured the vessel and used it as a minesweeper in the Scandinavian fjords. Sailing ships were favored for that service because their wooden hulls did not attract magnetic mines, and there was no engine noise to guide enemy submarines.

After the war the boat was swapped several times on both sides of the Atlantic. Last year it en-

tered New York Harbor on Independence Day in Operation
Sail. Now Calico Jack has found a dignified semi-retire-
ment in the friendly waters west of Jamaica.

Sunset cruises leave at 4 p.m. The cost is
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NUMBER OF CRUISE CALLS UP

FOR MONTEGO BAY IN 77/78

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MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica: Eleven cruise ships will be making 97 calls at Montego Bay, Jamaica between October 3, 1977 and May 23, 1978. This figure represents an increase of more than 10% over the 1976/77 statistics.

Montego Bay Chamber of Commerce President, Gordon Marzouca, ascribes the increase to Montego Bay officials' talks with cruise line managements which convinced them that the resort has increasing attractions for cruise passengers. Two special tours for cruise vacationers have been initiated -- one including visits to two great houses and a beach stop; the other, a five-hour trip to Ocho Rios that includes a stop at Dunn's River Falls. The popular attraction "Caribe Night on the Great River" will be held on Monday nights especially for cruise passengers.

Cruise ships calling at Montego Bay are: Royal Viking Star (2 visits); Vistafjord (6); Jason (1); Caribe (22); Monarch Star (12); Rotterdam (1); Federico C. (15); Veracruz (12); Kazakhstan (13); Angelina Lauro (9) and Stella Solaris (4).

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54,000 CHARTER SEATS

FOR JAMAICA'S WINTER

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TORONTO: Already 54,000 seats have been allotted from North America to Jamaica for new OTC, ITC, CBIT and Super CBIT winter packages, the Jamaica Tourist Board's Director of Marketing, George de Mercado, announced.

More than 26,000 OTC seats are available from U.S. gateways -- New York, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Cincinnati, Denver -- from Adventure Tours, Charter Travel, MLT, Nationwide Leisure, Suntours, Sun-track, International Travel Service, Breakaway Tours and Elliot Tours.

Participating carriers are Air Jamaica, Delta, Northwest Orient and Capitol.

The Canadian program offers 19,790 ITC seats and 18,290 on CBITs. Operators include Viva Tours, Suntours, Adventure Tours, Treasure Tours, Strand Holidays, Villajamaica, Fiesta Holidays, Unitours. Carriers are Air Jamaica and Air Canada. Gateways are Toronto, Montreal, Winnipeg and Vancouver.

Mr. de Mercado also said Jamaica expected increased business from the West Coast as a result of joint filings by Air Jamaica, Western and Delta for GIT and ITX fares from Los Angeles and San Francisco, over Atlanta and Miami, to Montego Bay and Kingston, commencing.

The GIT-50 from Los Angeles is \$308; from San Francisco \$332. The 6-30 day ITX is \$331 out of Los Angeles and \$358 from San Francisco. Minimum ground portion is \$75.

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GHANA OFFERS UNIQUE FOOD

AND OPENHEARTED PEOPLE

By Pose-Marie Glover

If a visitor to Ghana makes a friend there, he may be invited to a Ghanaian home. And to be invited into a Ghanaian home is to experience openheartedness without shyness or reservation, to encounter modern and traditional Africa simultaneously.

A soothing light from small lamps on low tables fills the intimate living room and lulls a visitor into a relaxed state. Small dots of light blink from the stereo, and the low throb of today's Ghanaian rhythm--the dance called "High-life"--captures idle feet.

The hostess enters with a tray of delicacies: golden shrimp, spicy chichinga (goat kabob), fried plantain and ice-cold beer. They whet the appetite for what is to come. Much of the fare is highly seasoned and rich, but it's delicious.

Meals are communal affairs. Eating with one's right hand is the custom--the left hand is subject to ancient taboo. But utensils are provided in restaurants in all major cities.

An observant visitor will notice similarities to southern U.S. cooking--not surprisingly, considering where the ancestors of many southerners originated. Generous seasoning, long-cooking, deep-frying and the use of gumbos and stews, as well as yams, black-eyed peas and boiled greens are a few. Throughout Ghana foods, like people, vary from region to region.

At the end of the day, the coastal fishing villages of Cape Coast and Elmina and the modern port of Tema come alive as the ritual of welcoming home the fishing boats and hauling in the nets takes place. The entire community gathers to take

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part. Fresh catches of red snapper, mullet, butterfish, crabs and lobster are plentiful and appetizing. (At Cape Coast and Elmina are castles built by European powers for gold and later, the slave trade, that stand as testimony to man's inhumanity.)

There are several favorite seafood dishes, among them, "Poisson Ghanceen", a spicy fish dish typical of the coastal area but now served throughout Ghana. A large fish is cleaned, seasoned and then baked or grilled over a charcoal fire, placed on a bed of cooked rice and covered with a sauce of fried onions, tomatoes, red hot peppers, dried shrimp, green peppers and slices of hard boiled egg.

Tranquil Lake Volta provides a different setting and a different dish. The specialty here is jumbo shrimp, the pace is unhurried, and cooling breezes blow gently across the terrace of the Volta Hotel. Washed down with Ghana's hearty beer, this is a treat.

It is usual along the road in the northern region of Ghana to stop to buy pineapples, juicy mangoes, pawpaws or guavas from roadside vendors. Farmers and herdsmen in this region will present a totally different view of this diverse country. And here, with the tropical fruit, are dishes of beef, lamb and goat, and garden vegetables.

Whereas in the south, people are of average height and weight, the rural people of the north are taller, angular in build and more reserved in demeanor. But they are no less hospitable.

The steady pounding of mortar and pestle can be heard through their villages as the women bend over their work. Beside each large wooden bowl, a young girl reaches in to fold over the mixture with her hands as the woman works without breaking her rhythm.

The ritual is the making of fufu, the national food of Ghana, a doughy mixture resulting from the continuous pounding of yam, cocoyam or plantain. A little water is added and the end product is a gooey, sticky mass. Fufu is eaten by scooping up a small amount on fingers and throwing it to the back of the mouth to be swallowed--but not chewed.

Fufu takes getting used to but otherwise Ghana offers something for everyone and Akwaaba--Welcome--to all.

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THANKSGIVING RECALLS ANCESTORS'

SACRIFICE IN GHANA

ACCRA, GHANA, WEST AFRICA--About 200 years before the Pilgrims held their feast to give thanks for survival in a harsh new world, the Ga people arrived in the coastal area of what is now Ghana in West Africa.

They, too, struggled for survival with great loss. Their first and life-giving crop was corn and to honor their ancestors, the Ga people now celebrate, in early Fall, the Homowo Festival. The Ga chief, Ni Amugii, is shown here in the annual rite, accompanied by his counsellors, ceremonially distributing kpekpei, a festive food made from corn.

He walks among his people to the throb of drums and the detonation of muskets, casting corn on the ground as though he were sowing for another season.

It evokes to the Western eye the American Thanksgiving with an element of rice throwing at a wedding. Like those American rituals, the Homowo Festival also looks to the past and to the future. Homowo means "hooting at hunger" and the public festival is accordingly followed by family feasts.

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GHANA STARTS WORK

ON MAJOR RESORT HOTEL

ACCRA, GHANA, WEST AFRICA-On a palm-lined coastal area close to this capital city overlooking the Gulf of Benin, Ghana's first large resort hotel is under construction.

The 521-room Labadi (La-bah'-dee) Beach Hotel, comprising 20 chalets and a variety of sports and entertainment facilities, is expected to be opened by 1980. It is financed with 40 percent foreign investment capital, 40 percent Ghana Tourist Board funds and 20 percent private Ghanaian capital. Anticipated cost is \$9.3 million.

The area is typical of much of Ghana's long Atlantic seacoast. Because Ghanaians' favorite sport is football (American soccer) their beaches are not thronged with people, even in the urban areas, although the water is clear and warm year-round. The Labadi Beach Hotel construction requires virtually no relocation of existing facilities yet is only a five-minute ride to Accra's giant open-air Makola Market and within half an hour drive from Accra's international airport.

Ghanaian officials believe the hotel's urban convenience and the resort facilities will be attractive to large numbers of American and European visitors, making Ghana more competitive in the world tourism market.

Among the hotel's features are: an Olympic-size pool, tennis, badminton and basketball courts, facilities for boating, fishing and swimming, a nightclub and theatre and a restaurant seating 600.

The complex is designed in an open, natural arrangement with clusters of chalets connected by covered walkways and separated by lawns, gardens and ponds.

Tourism officials anticipate integration of the complex into the local economy, providing jobs for farmers and fishermen, as well as hotel personnel and supporting the market for Ghana's fine wood carvings, textiles and other crafts.

From Labadi Beach, visitors will be able to make day trips to the University of Ghana at Legon, to Akosombo where a huge dam has created Lake Volta on the Volta River and to the castles and forts left by the colonial powers who came to Ghana for its gold and stayed for the slave trade. Those castles and their great dungeons where slaves were held are preserved and open to the public.

The hotel's convenient access to the Accra airport will permit visitors to make comfortable trips by air to Kumasi, home of the Ashanti people, or to areas in the Northern and Upper regions.

The project was begun in a beach ceremony presided over by Col. K.A.Quashie, Commissioner for Trade and Tourism, who 10 months earlier had released a mammoth report proposing a long-term tourism development program for Ghana.

The Labadi project is the first concrete result of that new program, geared to foreign investment and local participation.

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SHOPPING FOR GHANAIAAN ART

MAY ALSO BE DONE AT HOME

ACCRA, GHANA, WEST AFRICA - Those who love the precisely carved figures and stools, the rich kente and adinkra cloth, the symbolic brass figures and other beautiful craft work from Ghana now have outlets for ordering directly from suppliers in Accra.

Orders may be placed for single items or in units of a dozen or more with these organizations:

The Loom Limited, P.O. Box 8020, Accra-North, Ghana, West Africa;

Ghana Export Company Limited, P.O. Box 7663, Accra, Ghana (Cable: GEEO ACCRA).

Examples of items from The Loom's current price list in U.S. dollars include:

- Carved giraffes standing 19 inches high in ebony, \$3.00;
- A large brass bird on balancing platform, \$6.00;
- A kente cloth stole, 17 inches by two yards, \$35.00;
- Snakeskin wallet, \$5.00;
- Xylophone, made from wood and calabash, large \$45.00; small, \$28.00;
- Ebony bangles, in pairs, \$5.00
- Mahogany salad bowl, 10", \$4.00;
- Ladies long caftan in Ghanaian fabric, embroidered neck, sleeves and slits at the sides, \$30.00.

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There are many more items available including gorgeous Ghanaian colored straw baskets, Ashanti and Akan carved stools, walking sticks, drums, bows and arrows, men's shirts in the popular joromi (dashiki) style, carved African heads, fertility dolls, jewelry and many other items.

The prices quoted are for individual pieces on a minimum order of generally a dozen pieces.

Importers may establish letters of credit or send checks directly to the exporting firm. Unless arrangements are made otherwise, the goods are sent by air and the customer pays the freight charges on receipt.

Of course, most purchasers of Ghanaian art like to buy their goods while travelling in the country and both the export houses have busy retail shops in Accra. Throughout the country, small craft villages and open-air markets offer beautiful work on a cash and carry basis.

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RACIAL HANGUPS? TRAVELLING TO GHANA,
LEAVE 'EM AT HOME WITH NECKTIES

By Jerome K. Full

ACCRA, GHANA, WEST AFRICA-Racial hangups, like neckties, are out of place in this tropical land, and it's best to leave both at home.

The total neutrality of skin color here produces interesting results for American visitors:

--An African patiently explains to an Afro-American that he doesn't wear an 'Afro' because it's too hot. And besides, he's already wearing the original Afro.

--A white American feels self-conscious at a festival, surrounded by thousands of black people. He needn't bother; nobody notices.

But the country is black-run. Everybody from the Head of State to the lowliest common laborers, including all the professional, managerial, bureaucratic positions, they are all black.

Well, not 100 percent, perhaps, as there are some whites, mostly expatriate Britons, who have elected to stay in Ghana since it achieved independence from Britain in 1956 and they have a niche in Ghanaian society. Mostly, those white Ghanaian citizens are in business. One is a restaurateur and a chief in a nearby village. He alternates between chief-dom and chef-dom.

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Americans generally come away from Ghana impressed by how the country has solved the racial problem--by not letting one exist.

Ghanaians observe, in discussing the matter of race relations, that people aren't really black or white anyhow, so why let unrealistic skin descriptions stand in the way of friendship?

The man-woman relationship is different from North America in that a man is allowed more than one wife and, except in the larger cities, polygamy is fairly common. The women take care of the children, cook, work with men in the fields and otherwise carry a heavy load. There are occasional newspaper articles arguing that men don't always do their share, some of them spending too much time drinking beer.

It's not a matter on which American visitors are competent to judge, although it might be instructive to note that a recent edition of the Accra Daily Graphic ran small death notices about three women, aged 65, 106 and 137, the latter reported to have 165 descendents. It was treated as totally unexceptional, just a matter of record, and similar ages are commonly reported in the obituaries. Something about the Ghanaian life style seems to encourage longevity.

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GHANA'S YOUTH SEEK

PEN PALS IN AMERICA

By Rose-Marie Glover

A drive by the government of Ghana to produce a literate population has also produced a generation of young Ghanaians eager to communicate with young Americans.

Although all Ghanaians speak at least one regional African language, the common language of pen pals is English. To an American, Ghanaian English is a delight to read for what we would regard as overly formal language.

A warmth and respect for others, common among Ghana's people, is evident when they write. A typical opening: "I have the honour, most respectfully, to write this, my humble letter to you to be friends with you."

Ghanaian pen pals, mostly in their late teens and early twenties, write to ask about family life in the U.S., the educational system and American customs. In exchange there's the opportunity of learning about their traditional customs, their villages, their home life and personal goals--often to obtain a university education. Kofi Adoma Yeboah of Accra, the capital of Ghana, writes, "My father is a cocoa farmer, so also is my mother. I am therefore trying to reach as high as I can in education to support my family."

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But the primary reason they write is for friendship and to learn about America and tell about their West African homeland. A young man from Prestea says: "I very much like to correspond with you and to know much about the U.S. I hope you will be happy to accept me as a friend."

An Ashanti youth from Kumasi writes, "I would like to take you for a friend if not a pal. I had always hoped that one day I will get a friend over there so that we can exchange views on current activities between America and Ghana."

Many express admiration for the United States and a desire to come here. "When will I make the chance up for seeing you? I am just longing to get a breath of your country's air" writes Seth Attor of Accra.

Pen pals around the world have one thing in common so be prepared to provide a picture. Invariably, new pen friends request a photograph for displaying to family and friends. From Tema, a young man writes, "I am sure you are not going to neglect what I have requested from you. Your own picture is essential to me; I will later send you mine."

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TUSCHMANN NEW MANAGER

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ST. MAARTEN, N.A. -- The Concord in St. Maarten has named Klaus Tuschmann general manager. He comes to St. Maarten from Curacao where he was general manager of the Holiday Inn.

German-born and-trained Tuschmann has had extensive experience in the hotel industry in the U.S., Caribbean and Bermuda. His past positions include Director of Catering/Sales at the Mayflower Hotel and Director of Food and Beverage at the Shoreham Americana in Washington, and Assistant General Manager of Cross Keys Inns in Baltimore.

At the 141-room Concord, located on Maho Bay, Tuschmann plans to emphasize food service and entertainment. The hotel has been refurbished throughout.

Other new staff at the Concord include Eddie Rojas, executive assistant manager in charge of the

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front office and reservations, and Aad Bon, assistant
manager for food and beverage.

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ST. MAARTEN NAMES

NEW WHOLESALERS

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PHILIPSBURG, St. Maarten, N.A. -- The St. Maarten Hotel Association has appointed American Express and Playtime Vacations of Chicago as two new official wholesalers to the island it was announced by President Walter Kieser.

Other wholesalers serving St. Maarten are Caribbean Holidays, Cavalcade Tours, Flyfaire, Fun. in the Sun Tours, Hill Tours, Le Beau Tours, LIB/GO and Red and Blue Tours.

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THE INTIMATE INNS OF WINDWARD ISLES

ST. MAARTEN, N.A.--Part of the special charm of St. Maarten and the other Netherlands Antilles Windward Islands lies in their small hotels. Some are simple beachside retreats, some are luxury hideaways. Some are famous, others are just beginning to be discovered. All are either on a beach or within a ten minute drive of one. Several of the island's finest restaurants are under their roofs. Their size and the personal attention they give guests mean that visitors quickly become acquainted with other guests and the staff. Their easygoing conviviality makes them congenial for persons traveling alone.

Red-turreted Castle Cove Inn has 18 hillside rooms with balconies overlooking the Caribbean. A long passageway filled with plants, West Indian watercolors and picnic tables leads to Tek's Retreat Bar, a small pool, and Le Panoramique, one of St. Maarten's best French restaurants. It's a short walk down the hill to the beach. Table tennis, backgammon and all watersports equipment are free. There are picnic tours to other small islands.

In Philipsburg, the diminutive capital of St. Maarten, the Pasanggrahan combines great charm with a matchless location, shared by its close neighbor, Captain Hodge's Inn.

They sit smack on the beach of Great Bay with their main entrances on Front Street with its restaurants and duty-free shops.

The completely informal 22-room Pasanggrahan was originally a three-room government guesthouse for visiting dignitaries. The room where Queen Wilhelmina

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of The Netherlands once slept is now a cozy bar with the Pasanggrahan's rooster emblazoned on rugs and wall hangings. Surrounding the inn are what appears to be a jungle of trees and potted plants making the property a cool garden bower even at midday. Guests have access to a grand piano and shelves overflowing with books.

Captain Hodge's Inn, almost next door, has 12 attractively decorated rooms. The bar, Italian pizzeria and the restaurant, Le Flibustier, all outdoors on the beach, are popular with the local residents. The lobster salad rates particularly high.

Along Simson Bay, right on the beach, are Simson Bay Beach Hotel, the Horn Toad and Mary's Boon, all three distinctly informal. Largest is Simson Bay Beach Hotel whose 19 rooms have private balconies overlooking the beach. Its Oasis restaurant and terrace bar have long been popular gathering places. It has good food at moderate prices and a casual atmosphere.

The Horn Toad has two delightful hosts, June and Tom Parker, three cheery one-bedroom apartments and one "efficiency". In the living room is a small bar.

Mary's Boon, which bills itself as "the small inn on the big beach", is presided over by Mary Pomeroy, one of the West Indies' most colorful and outspoken characters, who was a liberated woman long before the word was in vogue. Twice a week she flies her private plane to St. Croix for fresh fruit, vegetables and other goodies that her cook combines into imaginative meals. The entrance to Mary's Boon, always invitingly open, leads to a lobby of fine furniture and oil paintings, a dining terrace looking out on the beach and sea, and a bar where all drinks are self-service on the honor system. Ten rooms have attractive rattan furniture, kitchenettes, and sunken bathtubs.

At Cul de Sac, inland along one of the island's prettiest stretches, sits Mary's Fancy, the 250-year-old home of the first Dutch governor of St. Maarten. Its new owner, Elizabeth Reitz (another charmer) closed the inn for a while to use it

as a private residence--but reopened it after lovingly restoring it to a tune of \$500,000.

Nine individually decorated rooms are an exotic melange of colors, textures, fabrics and objects d'art collected from all over the world. The spacious grounds have a wide variety of plantings and a pretty pool. The pride of Mary's Fancy is its sumptuous restaurant, Gianni's, where Italian and Continental food is served on gold plates. Even the flatware and champagne buckets are gold. Peacock rattan chairs on the dining terrace are so large that they assure virtual privacy to each party.

The aristocrat of St. Maarten's inns is the Oyster Pond Yacht Club with 20 rooms each decorated in its own style. The castle-like main building with four tower suites has a nautical Flag Room with sparkling red tile floors, a flag display and a grand piano. For such a small place Oyster Pond has an unusual amount of facilities: a marina with charter boats and watersports equipment, two tennis courts, and a half-mile private beach.

A 20-minute hop away from St. Maarten, on Windward Islands Airways, is Saba, whose five square miles are mostly vertical. In the village of Windwardside two guesthouses have cliffhanging views out to sea. Captain's Quarters, the largest, with 10 rooms, and most luxurious, is owned and managed by Bostonian David Harden. The 100-year-old antique-filled main house was named for its builder, Captain Henry Hassell. Some of the rooms are in a 150-year-old cottage, and there is a boutique with Saba handcrafts and fabric. The pool is 1900 feet above the sea.

At nearby Scout's Place, Scout Thirkield, originally from Ohio but a long-time hotelman of the Caribbean, has four rooms with "bed 'n' board cheap 'n' cheerful" in a delightfully campy atmosphere. His bar is one of the most popular meeting places on Saba.

Saba's tiny capital, The Bottom, has two tiny places to stay. The Bottom Guesthouse, formerly the government guesthouse, is newly refurbished and sparkles with white paint. Its six rooms have four-poster beds, including the one where Queen Wilhelmina's daughter, Queen Juliana, slept. The Caribe Guesthouse has five rooms.

St. Eustatius, the most historic of the three Netherlands Antilles Windward Islands, is reached from St. Maarten or Saba, by a short plane ride. The Old Gin House and Mooshay Bay Publick House, owned and operated by American expatriates Marty Scofield and John May, is fast becoming one of the West Indies' most interesting inns. An 18th century gin mill has been restored as the public area of the inn. Exposed brick walls, three story high ceilings, a large open fireplace, and furnishings that combine Connecticut antiques with more modern pieces from Haiti, produce an atmosphere of Georgian elegance. Behind the public house are a beautiful swimming pool and gardens, and 14 rooms with Haitian furniture and paintings. Across the street are nine beachfront rooms and a large, partly enclosed terrace with bar and dining area. On the terrace surrounded by palms, bamboo and potted plants, one can sit and sun or look at Statia's 18th century ruins along the harbor.

During the winter season rates range from moderate to expensive at these inns. In the summer season from April 16-December 14 prices are considerably lower. For information on rates and how to make reservations, contact the St. Maarten-Saba-St. Eustatius Tourist Information Office at either 445 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022, (212) 688-8350 or 243 Ellerslie Avenue, Willowdale, Toronto M2N 1Y5 (416) 223-3501.

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ST. MAARTEN: BUS FROM DUTCH
TO FRENCH FOR FIFTY CENTS

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ST. MAARTEN, N.A....St. Maarten people they go a lot --

Dutch Philipsburg to French Marigot...

Don't have to be rich, us ladies and gents

The bus ride costs just...fifty cents!

The little calypso ditty describes probably the best travel bargain around these days. Philipsburg is the capital of Dutch St. Maarten and Marigot (the French say Mary-go, the Dutch say Mary-got) is the capital of French St. Martin. The distance between the two is nine miles of scenic charm.

It's not just St. Maarten citizens who ride the bus between Dutch and French sides on this jointly shared little island. American visitors with a sense of adventure or a limited budget love it, too, even though

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there are plenty of rental cars and taxis available at reasonable prices. These local buses meander around the island through little Dutch and French hamlets that visitors might otherwise never see. And St. Maarten people are so eager to share local folklore that a 50 cent bus ride from one country to another (with no guarded border separating them) is something to talk about long after the vacation is over.

The buses run from seven in the morning until midnight. If you're staying at the Philipsburg hotels, Little Bay, Great Bay or Seaview or at the Pasanggrahan or Cap'n Hodges Inn, a good place to board the bus is in front of the post office on Front Street.

Looking through courtyards and alleys on the right side of the bus between the little shops and restaurants you can catch tantalizing glimpses of golden sand and blue sea. Philipsburg's front yard is Great Bay beach, very convenient for a cooling dip after a session of free port shopping or the multi-national food that St. Maarten is famous for.

The first stop on the Philipsburg-Marigot route is Cul de Sac, a lush mountain valley that had many sugar plantations in the 18th century. One of them,

now a hotel called Mary's Fancy, is beautifully restored to the way it might have looked 300 years ago.

Ask a fellow traveler to point out Cay Bay Hill. Peter Stuyvesant lost his leg there in a battle with the Spanish in 1644 before he became New York's first governor.

Camera buffs will get off the bus to take pictures of quiet Simson Bay Lagoon and there's a 'lay by' for just that purpose.

For another 50 cents you can change buses if you're interested in going to the vicinity of Juliana Airport where many of St. Maarten's hotels are located. From tiny Mary's Boon to the sprawling Mullet Bay there are hotels for every taste and budget. The route passes Simson Bay Village, the Concord, the elegant Caravanserai and almost straddling the invisible line between Dutch and French territory, the Summit Hotel. There, you'll find a breathtaking view of La Belle Creole, the ruins of a promoter's dream of a Mediterranean village. (The project ran out of millions even before it was completed.)

Only once did the grounds of La Belle Creole entertain guests. A barbecue picnic was held there to

raise money for a new blood bank. It was the most successful social event of the year.

The very trees and land look different on the French side of the island. Signs are in French and the fishing boats in Marigot's harbour seem always to doze in a perpetual siesta. The smells and sights and sounds prove you're in France even if you missed seeing the one little border monument.

The bus back will cost another 50 cents American money. Don't be shy about asking fellow passengers to point out sights along the way. Everyone speaks English and is justifiably proud of the sign you will pass that on one side, says,

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and on the other

WELCOME TO ST. MAARTEN.

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